



# Bicycle Lanes

**What Are They?**

**Why Bike Lanes?**

**What Should You Know?**



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## The Basics

New Bicycle Lanes are being introduced in Louisville. Louisville Metro wants you to be informed about them. The following are basic questions and answers about bike lanes.



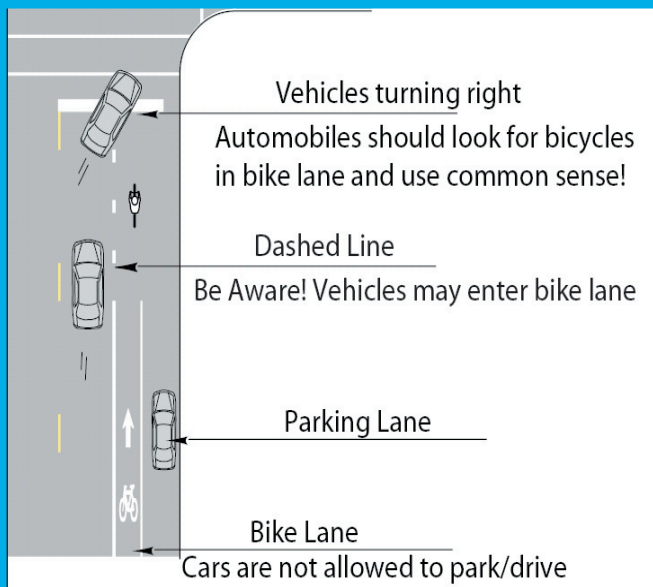
**Q: What is a bike lane?**

It's a 4- to 5-foot wide, striped lane, marked with white bicycles and arrows.

This bike lane is restricted to bicycle travel only.

Bicycle lanes are typically on the right side of the street running along either the on-street

## How to Drive/Bike with Bike Lanes



- Bicyclists are allowed to use other lanes to turn left or avoid obstacles
- Bicyclists should be aware of drivers turning right or when changing lanes to turn left in the far lane
- Bicyclists ride in the direction of the arrow
- Drivers should stay aware of bicyclists at all times

parking or, if there is no parking, along the curb.

**Q: Why bike lanes?**

Bike lanes make most people feel safer about biking on city streets. Bike lanes also cut down on weaving, making streets safer for everyone.

**Q: What effects do bike lanes have on safety?**

Bike Lanes create a buffer zone at the edge of the traffic lane, which makes it easier

for motorists to see bicyclists on the street. It also gives motorists more time to react to bicyclists.

**Q: Do bicyclists have to ride in the bike lane?**

No. Bicyclists are encouraged to ride in available bike lanes, but may use any travel lane.

**Q: Do bike lanes cause traffic jams?**

No. Bike Lanes cause no significant slowing of traffic.

**Q: What about the enforcement of bike lanes?**

Motorists should not park in or partially block the bicycle lane. The bike lane should be considered a normal travel lane, but used by bicycles only.

**Q: What about entering and leaving the bus stop area and/or parking my car?**

When passing through the bike lane, drivers should check the lane for bicyclists. If there is a bicycle in the lane, the driver should yield to the bicyclist.

**Q: Is it a concern that the bike lane does not connect to other bike lanes?**

Even if a bike lane won't take you all the way to your final destination, a segment of bike lane will make your trip safer and more enjoyable.

## QUESTIONS?COMMENTS?

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